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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued July 15, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Details

(For cited literature, see List of Cited Literature)

For Claims 1 through 8; Cited Literature 1 through 8.

Cited Literature 1 describes a folding mobile telephone having a control section which stores information in an incoming call log area; Cited Literature 2 describes the point of a telephone information registration means; Cited Literature 3 describes the point of searching the area of incoming call records; Cited Literature 4 describes the point of outputting an incoming call tone by operating a switch; Cited Literature 5 describes the point of outputting an incoming call from several calls back when multiple operations are performed; Cited Literature 6 describes the point of disabling information when the cover is opened; Cited Literature 7 describes the point of employing vibration in addition to incoming call tones; Cited Literature 8 describes the point of outputting a registered name and employing time information.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-308669
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-327219
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-341110
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-215303
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-070750
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-042022
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-138972
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H06-164712"

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Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A9	JP	10-215303			08/11/1998		X
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